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TELL Rough Draft

In a way, I feel like my whole life has revolved around shoes. Growing up I remember going shoe shopping with my mom and I remember having my feet measured; it was always so exciting to move to a bigger shoe size. I was a very active kid and I wore my shoes out very quickly. In each step of my life I was wearing shoes. They grew with me. While growing up I also had many influences and in a way I like to think I followed in their footsteps. Now that I am older I have realized that I have left footprints for others to follow. In analyzing my education and what education means to me, I realized some of my most influential learning experiences were outside of school. Also, most of my most influential learning experiences were taken in over a period of time. I have chosen three parts of my life and focused on lessons that have helped create who I am today. For my past I chose a beat up pair of black converse that got me through my adolescent years. I chose a pair of fancy heels that I now wear out to parties and special occasions. For my future I have also chosen a pair of shoes but I do not yet know what those shoes will look like; I do not yet know where I want to be in the future.

The summer after 7th grade I was swimming for a township swim team and I made a deal with my dad: if I get gold medals in my individual events and any metal in my relay that he would buy me a pair of converse. I won the bet and my dad bought me a pair of black low-top converse. I loved these shoes and I wore them all the time. I wore them to school, I wore them in gym class, I would wear them when I went places. I wore them everywhere. These shoes lasted all through 8th grade and into 9th grade. I would wear them to parties; I'd wear them when I was skipping class. My friends would write on these shoes and I would draw on them in class if I was bored. These shoes lasted through 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade. I wore them in the rain, the snow, any weather. By this time, they had gotten pretty beat up and there were holes and fabric was falling off but I still continued to wear them. I wore them when I moved into my dorm room freshman year, I wore them to parties I went to, I wore them to class, I still wore them everywhere. One day freshman year my roommate told me I looked homeless because of how beat up my shoes were. I decided to retire them and get a new pair. I still have them at home, I can't throw them out. These shoes represent my past. I wore them for years and in those years I experienced many things that made me who I am today. Those shoes went through every stage with me; they went through the good and the bad.

I was never much of a person to wear heels. I owned one pair and I hated them. Freshman and sophomore year I would wear sneakers with my going out clothes. They were comfortable and I didn't have to worry about falling. This past summer I decided I wanted to buy a nice pair of wedges. So I went shopping with my best friend and we found the cutest pair of black wedges. I bought them and I wore them to a dinner that my work has every year for the staff. I felt tall, confident, and attractive in these shoes. I felt more grown up almost, more mature. These shoes are my present. Since those first heels, I have purchased more pairs. They aren't as uncomfortable as I once thought heels were. I wear them to parties and they look a lot nicer with my outfits. I wear them out to lunch and dinner. They're more attractive than my sneakers. Of couse, I still own multiple pairs of sneakers that I wear during the day. These shoes are who I am now. I am a Junior in college. I am having fun right now in life while I am figuring out what I want to do in the future. These are almost a transition pair of shoes. They have memories and I look forward to making more memories in these shoes. They are vry different from my past shoes and I probably will not wear them as long or as frequently as my past shoes, but they are my present.

I'm not really sure how to describe my future shoes. Maybe they will be a mix of the past and present. Maybe professional shoes. For my future I plan to go to graduate school to get my masters degree, then maybe my doctorate or law school. I'm not really sure what my future will hold but I know I will be wearing some sort of shoes in the future. Maybe comfortable, attractive flats. I don't really know where to go from here.

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